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NOTE FOR: DCI

SUBJECT: Alternative CI and Security Executive Policy Instrument

The attached correspondence was prepared by direction of the IG/CM Chairman. The Community Counterintelligence Staff, independently of its role as secretariat to the IG/CM, recommends support for the proposal of an alternative executive-level instrument for promulgation of "routine" CI and CM policy.

Delays in or lack of approval of proposed NSDDs on CI and CM policy, while not always critical, devitalize efficient CI and CM planning. Delays have perpetuated vacuums in areas requiring official policy statements for commitment of resources and have also contributed to a sense of futility amongst IG representatives participating in the policy development process. Equally important, lack of expedient self-generated executive-level action tends to make the executive branch ultimately appear to be primarily reactive to external stimuli, e.g., Congress.

The IG/CM Chairman cites precedent for the promulgation of CI and CM policy through White House correspondence signed "For the President" by appropriate NSC officials. In light of the considerable number of ongoing and imminent initiatives, it seems appropriate to again raise the potential for filling recognized "routine" intelligence policy instrument needs. Examples of these are those which direct executive branch establishment of security awareness programs, reporting of hostile contacts, OPSEC programs, etc. The recommendation of the IG/CM Chairman accommodates the obvious need for more deliberate Presidential involvement in the more heavily consequential policy matters, e.g., options to limit and control the hostile foreign presence, foreign civil overflights of the US, national telecommunications and automated information security, etc.

From the perspective of the CCIS, an alternative White House-level executive policy instrument for promulgation of "routine" CI and CM policy matters is essential and would receive wide endorsement and voluntary compliance throughout the executive branch.

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